



Albatross presents the Queen City Golf League (QCGL)

Welcome to the Queen City Golf League (QCGL), brought to you by Albatross Golf. We're all about connecting with fellow golfers in the city of Charlotte who enjoy a bit of friendly competition, alongside some good banter and fun. With a tempting prize of approximately \$1,500 per winning team, there's plenty of incentive to hit the links. We appreciate you taking interest in joining our league. Get ready for some fun times, both on and off the course.

The league will run from **November until April 2024**, culminating in a grand finale tournament where all members will converge to play at a designated course. This final event promises to be the pinnacle of the season, bringing together the league a final time. The **championship and third place match** will be played on this final date and be marked for the last 2 groups so players can gather to put pressure on the final teams down the stretch. The date of this finale is **April 26th**. Mark your calendars and prepare for an unforgettable fall/winter/spring of competitive golf.

1. Entry Requirements:

- Each player must pay **a registration fee of \$150** to enter the league.
 - This fee will go towards a few things:
 - Prize money:
 - **1st Place: \$1,430 (\$715 each)**
 - **2nd Place: \$550 (\$275 each)**
 - **3rd Place: \$220 (\$110 each)**
 - Welcome Gifts: (Given to all at the final tournament date)
 - T-shirt with League Logo
 - Sponsor prizes - TBD on specifics
- The Registration fee does not cover any of the golf rounds as you play in the league.
- Registration fees must be paid in full before the start of the league season.
- Payment of **\$150** will be made through **venmo** portal (@Nicholas-Mills-4)

2. League Format:

- The league shall operate on a **2-man team best ball match play format**.
- Handicaps will be utilized to ensure fair competition among teams. You will state your must up to date handicap before each match to adjust for handicap changes.
- There will be 12 teams of two players each (**24 league members**) - your partner will remain the same for the entirety of the league.
 - Start with 3 matches in pool play – 3 pools of 4 teams
 - Pools will be randomly assigned based on time of entry
 - Teams receive:
 1. 1 pt for a win
 2. 0 pts for a loss
 - Any ties at the end of 18 hole match **cannot end in a tie**



1. The playoff will go to a sudden death playoff hole (strokes will indicated by the handicap of the hole you choose for the playoff)
 - If darkness or time becomes an issue, players can agree to a putt off on the practice putting green or on one of the holes
- In the event of a tie in points between teams - the tiebreaker will come down to:
 1. Head-to-Head record
 2. Total Margin of victory between all of your matches when the matches are concluded
- **3rd and 4th place teams in each pool play is eliminated**
- This would leave 6 teams for the playoffs -
 - The #1 and #2 overall seeds are based on total pool play points and will receive a bye
 1. If there are multiple teams with the same amount of top points, the team with the higher total margin of victory in their matches will gain the better seed
 - Playoff seeding will be based on total group stage points
- Knockout stage would be single elimination
- This will ensure that everybody gets to play at least 3 rounds, and up to 6, giving everybody the opportunity to meet and play with a variety of players across the league.
- Everyone will converge for a final day tournament where separate bets will take place that will be decided and communicated closer to the tournament date of **April 26th**. Mark your calendars.

3. League Schedule:

Pool Play	November 22nd - April 13
Knockout Stages	April 5 - May 11
Final Match / tournament for all players	May 17

4. Handicaps:

- Handicaps will be determined based on the official World Handicap System (WHS) or an equivalent recognized system.
- Handicaps will be set at the beginning of the league season and adjust accordingly as the season goes on for matches.
- In the event of a player not having an official handicap, players must have a number of representatives verify a given verbal handicap – *no one likes a sandbagger and disciplinary action will be taken including removal from the league if false information is given.*



- The group will play off the lowest player in the group's handicap (course adjusted if preferred).

5. Scheduling Matches:

- Teams are responsible for scheduling their own matches. We recommend making a group chat with the other teams in your pool to schedule the matches.
- Matches can be scheduled at any mutually agreed upon golf course.
- Matches must be scheduled within the specified timeframe set by the league.
- Teams must notify the league organizers of the results of each match.
- If for some reason, one team or player has multiple issues with scheduling a match they may be asked to forfeit to keep the league on schedule.

6. Match Play Rules:

- Matches will be played using the best ball format.
- Each player on the team will play their own ball throughout the round.
- At the end of each hole, the team will record the lowest score (best ball) with handicaps among the two players as the team score for that hole.

League Tracking / updates:

- Albatross will send an email update after pool play and each knockout stage with the updated winners/losers.
- *** *Later in the season: (email will be sent out in the season for updates here)*
 - *League members will be able to download the Albatross Golf application from the app store.*
 - *Each league will be spotlighted in the "News" tab of the application*
 - *Download instructions for our application can be found on our website:*
Albatrossgolf.io
 - *Connect with friends and post about the rounds you play in to track all of your golf experiences - even outside of the matches you play in the league*

Social Media:

- For the chance to be spotlighted on the Albatross Golf social media, please send pictures and videos through DM to the Albatross Golf instagram account (@albatrossgolf.io)
 - Or send directly to Nick Mills - (336) 430-9937
 - Or to any member of the Albatross team
- We will be highlighting winners of matches and posting status updates across all of our social media accounts and across our mobile application.
 - Albatross Golf Socials



- Instagram: [@albatrossgolf.io](https://www.instagram.com/albatrossgolf.io)
- TikTok: [@albatross_golf](https://www.tiktok.com/@albatross_golf)
- Twitter: [@Albatross_LLC](https://twitter.com/Albatross_LLC)

League maintenance/conduct/other

Disputes and Rule Violations:

- Any disputes or rule violations during a match must be resolved according to the rules of golf and the league's regulations.
- Disputes should be brought to the attention of the league organizers for resolution.
- The decision of the league organizers regarding any disputes or rule violations is final.

Code of Conduct:

- Players are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.
- Any behavior deemed inappropriate or unsportsmanlike by the league organizers may result in disciplinary action, including disqualification from the league.

Amendments to Rules:

- The league organizers reserve the right to amend or modify the rules and regulations of the league at any time.
- Any amendments or modifications will be communicated to participants in advance.

Final Authority:

- The league organizers have the final authority in all matters related to the league, including rule interpretation and enforcement.

By participating in the golf league, players agree to abide by these rules and regulations. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, including disqualification from the league. We look forward to seeing you out there and can't wait for a great league season with Albatross.

